THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The targets and outlay for the 8th Plan have not been finalised.

(c) and (d) Targets and optimal levels of production are fixed on the basis of the available reserves which can be exploited in the required time frame.

PARTICIPATION OF NRI IN OIL EXPLORATION

984. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have approached the Non-Resident Indians for exploration of crude oil and natural gas in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The response of the Non-resident Indians so far ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKRANAND) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN KERALA

985. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to State :

(a) Whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any scheme aimed at augmenting tourism infrastructure in the state :

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard ; and

(c) the amount allotted for Tourism Development Projects in Kerala during 1991-92 and the preceding two years ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) : Yes, Sir, The Government of Kerala has submitted proposals for improvement of tourism infrastructure which include setting up of air-conditioned restaurants ; upgradation of properties of Kerala Tourism Development Corporation and purchase of air-conditioned coaches. The scheme for air-conditioned coaches has been sanctioned for Rs. 16.68 lakhs.

(c) An amount of Rs. 87.00 lakhs has been earmarked for tourism projects in Kerala during 1991-92. Rs. 85.02 lakhs and Rs. 190.19 lakhs were sanctioned during 1989-90 and 1990-91 respectively.

ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAY LINES IN KERALA

986. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for the electrification of the railway lines in Kerala in near future ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Keeping in view general financial constraints and lower traffic density obtaining in sections in Kerala, there is no immediate proposal for electrification.

DEVELOPMENT OF TRIVANDRUM AND PALGHAT RAILWAY DIVISION

987. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the expenditure incurred for the development of railway projects in Trivandrum and Palghat Divisions during 1990-91 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : Expenditure incurred for the development of Railway pro-